

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 42

Introduced by Assembly Member Nestande
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 42—Relative to Department of Defense directed budget cuts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 42, as introduced, Nestande. Department of Defense budget cuts.

This measure would oppose the budget presented by the United States Air Force to the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Military Department of the State of California
2 and the California Air National Guard have learned that the United
3 States Air Force has submitted a budget to the Senate and House
4 of Representatives of the United States that would place
5 Department of Defense directed budget cuts disproportionately on
6 the back of the Air National Guard of the United States and the
7 California Air National Guard; and
8 WHEREAS, This proposed budget cut to the Air National Guard
9 Budget for the 2013–14 fiscal year would likely lead to the closure
10 of a number of Air National Guard units across the country, here

1 in California, and in the four United States Territories and damage
2 the state's emergency response capabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard is comprised
4 of 5,000 plus airmen, noncommissioned officers, and officers who
5 are highly skilled and trained in various military disciplines and
6 who are readily available to execute state and federal missions on
7 a moment's notice by our Governor and our President in his role
8 as Commander in Chief of the United States Armed Forces; and

9 WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard has thrived in
10 the fast-paced operational tempo of the past 11 years, and has
11 successfully completed war time and manmade or natural disaster
12 responses around the globe and across the state, and budget cuts
13 that unfairly and disproportionately impact the Air National Guard
14 as proposed by the United States Air Force leadership will impact
15 state readiness; and

16 WHEREAS, The California Air National Guard would likely
17 lose significant numbers of its highly trained personnel if the
18 2013–14 fiscal year budget presented to the Senate and House of
19 Representatives of the United States is approved as submitted;
20 now, therefore, be it further

21 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
22 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature joins the Riverside County
23 Board of Supervisors, the California National Guard Association,
24 and the National Guard Association of the United States in
25 opposition to the disproportional budget cuts as presented by the
26 United States Air Force as they adversely impact the California
27 Military Department and the Air National Guard and jeopardize
28 national security and homeland defense; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to each Senator and Representative from
31 California in the Congress of the United States and the author for
32 appropriate distribution.